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## editor's note:

"What's wrong with cheating? Everybody does it!" How often have you heard someone use this argument? Perhaps you have even used it yourself. But can you approve or justify cheating of any kind just because it seems like "everybody does it"? Even going to church cannot be justified just because "everybody does it." The right and wrong of cheating or the right and wrong of going to church is not based on the number of people who do it. The right and wrong of any deed should be based upon WHY people do it. What makes us do this deed? Is this a good reason? Whom do we hope to help? Are we being selfish, or are we showing consideration for others? Is the good that we do now going to seem be good a few years from now?

Success in life is important, but not so important that we can justify cutting everyone's throat (including our own) in our efforts to be a success. Success built on deceit will decay. Success built on honesty will flourish as long as it is honest. Charles Van Doren sadly confessed that because "everybody does it" did not excuse him from the moral wrong he did.

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*"So she's a little tall . . . Be proud of her . . . It's not every guy who can date a girl who played Goliath in a Sunday church school pageant!"*



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for christmas?

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*In Switzerland Santa Claus comes on  
December 6, St. Nicholas' birthday.*

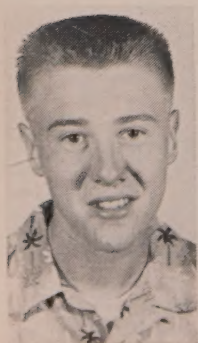
# ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

SANTA CLAUS has already arrived in many homes throughout the world. While we in the United States are just beginning to get into the throes of card-sending, gift-buying, and part planning, many Europeans are opening their gift-filled stockings on December 5 or 6.

As one Dutch girl says, "On December 6 in our country, St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) comes and gives gifts. On Christmas Eve the Christ Child comes—the gift of God to man. In my hometown we have a special Christmas Eve service in one of the best theatres in the town. This is always a wonderful service where both Protestant and Roman Catholic people come to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ."

## Get the pitch?

What this girl is saying is that the big giving spree is ended on December 6 and the people then turn to preparing for a religious observance of Christmas on December 25. Perhaps this is what our country needs to do. Perhaps we should begin our Christmas selling campaign even earlier than we do now.



*Jack Ferrell, Applecreek, Ohio, who spent last Christmas in Germany as an International Christian Youth Exchange student, says: "Christmas is a twelve-day observance with the German family where I stayed. December 25 is the day of the family meal and the remainder of that day and December 26 is spent visiting relatives and friends. Another difference in the German observance is stress on Advent. Starting four Sundays before Christmas, the advent-proclaiming holiday is marked in German homes with an evergreen wreath decorated with four candles. Each Sunday one more candle is lit. Although people of various nations have different customs concerning Christmas, we are all joining together in celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace."*





*Kerstin Nordqvist, Swedish exchange student, living in Overland, Mo., said: "Christmas in the two countries is not so different. Christmas Eve I went Christmas caroling with the senior high group from the Overland church. I think it was a real nice way to collect money for people who need it, and at the same time I learned the American Christmas carols in just a couple of hours . . . I think it's so pretty the way the Americans decorate their houses with all the lights—inside and outside. My 'sister' and I went driving around in the car a couple of nights just to look at all the lights and it was really a beautiful sight. Christmas was one of the best parts of my year in the United States."*

and it all on December 6. Then we could turn our energies to observing Advent and Christmas.

"Stop! You sound like an idealist!" But maybe that's what our nation needs more of—ideals!

### **"Deck the halls with advertising"**

Stan Freberg must have had a gay time last year making his hit record, "Green Chri\$tma\$." In the seven-minute recording, an ad man named Scrooge calls a meeting to plan the "Christmas pitch" for several advertisers. Criticizing those clients who feel they should forget sales and stress the spirit of Christmas, Scrooge counsels them with such paraphrases as "Deck the halls with advertising . . . 'Tis the time for merchandising."

The son of a Baptist minister, Stan says that the recording had been long overdue on his calendar. "The commercialization of an essentially religious holiday," says Mr. Freberg, "simply does not have to be. I hope that 'Green Chri\$tma\$' will have some thing."

It probably had so much sting last year that Madison Ave. ads will ban it this year from all airwaves and jukeboxes. We hope not, for it is a refreshing breeze in an otherwise disgusting carnival.

### **So what can I do?**

You can start now to get ready for Christmas.

"But I am getting ready for Christmas," you chime in. "I'm making up my gift list and my card list. Our church is planning ►►►

## ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

a pageant. I'm one of the angels. And our youth group is going caroling before Christmas. What more do you want me to do?"

Really get ready for Christmas. Have you actually prepared yourself for the *real* purpose of observing Christmas? Have you ever heard of Incarnation? Do you know what that means? It means Christmas. Well, not exactly, but it does mean God's coming among us through the life of Jesus Christ on this earth. And isn't that at the heart of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ?

"But how do we prepare for this coming of Christ? Hasn't he already come?"

Yes, in a way. But in another way he is still coming. He has yet to come into the very life and being of many of us.

"But I've already been confirmed and joined the church," you reply correctly.

But this is only the beginning. Church membership and continued activity in the church fellowship is part of the way in which we prepare for Christ's birth in us.

How did the shepherds and wise men prepare for the coming of Christ? They were seeking the way to him by the light of his star. They were eager to give their homage to him. They were ready to give of themselves to him. They were ready to let him lead them to God.

That's why our Christian tradition observes the Advent season

## Missouri teens portray manger scene .

A "bit of Bethlehem" will be coming into the lives of residents of Kahoka, Mo., this Christmastime. The youth fellowship of St. Paul's Church is repeating its popular Christmas project of recreating the manger scene. Each night during the week before Christmas, costumed young people will portray Mary and Joseph, three shepherds, and three angels. The YFers work in alternating half-hour shifts from 7 to 9 p. m. Live animals are also part of the scene. In the manger a large doll will be placed. Says Rev. Arnold W. Geske, pastor, "Protestants and Catholics alike last year complimented our youth. People came from neighboring communities to see the real-life scene. Already townspeople are asking about it for this year."







*Peter Fox, Canton Center, Conn., writes about his Christmas in Holland: "I think that the people of The Netherlands look upon Christmas as a religious holiday more than most people in the States. But, I also think that the American people, deep under their commercialization, have some of that real Christmas spirit, too. Most Dutch people do not give gifts on the 25th and 26th of December. Gifts are given on December 5, and not to the extent that we do on the 25th. Gifts are given out by Santa Claus and his servant, 'Black Peter.' These two traditionally come from Spain, instead of the North Pole. I played the part of Zwarte Piet for Dutch fishermen at Dieppe, a small fishing port on the north coast of France."*

For four weeks prior to Christmas, seekers after the way prepare themselves for his coming through daily devotions. Advent candles and calendars are part of the tradition, too. But above all, Advent is a period of preparation. We must revive the joy and sincerity of this old Christian tradition.

### **Is your Christmas list complete?**

The story is told by Halford E. Luccock of a little girl saying her prayers a few nights before Christmas. She stopped suddenly and asked her mother a question with a worried look: "What are we giving God for Christmas?"

We might smile, but it is an important question. Is God on our Christmas list? Are you ready for Christmas? ▼▼▼



WONDERING ABOUT

# Christmas Cards?



by Lynne Evans

**Q**UESTIONS often arise about our pleasant, personal custom of sending Christmas cards. First, you need not rush out to send a card to everyone who sends you one. A friendly message of good will to a friend can be said personally or by card. If your list is too long now, it might make good sense to pare your list mostly to those who live out-of-town and speak your greetings to those you see often.

You may enjoy knowing about the proper way to send cards to the friends on your lists, about displaying them and, later, disposing of them. These are some of the questions most commonly asked.

*What's the secret of a good Christmas card?*

First, a good Christmas card should remind us of the true meaning of Christmas—the coming of Jesus Christ to this world. Second, a

good Christmas card should have the *personal* touch. An individual note is nice, especially to those friends whom you don't see or write often.

*Is it right to have your name engraved on a card?*

It lacks the personal touch.

*If you do have your name engraved on your card, does the boy have "Mr.," and the girl "Miss" before the name?*

Never. A Christmas card is informal—Allan Nagy or Eleanor McDowell is correct.

*What about sending religious cards?* Christmas is a sacred holiday. It is, therefore, most appropriate to send recognizable art, such as Raphael's "Madonna." But be careful not to select oversentimental or flippant cards.

*Is it all right to hand-make your cards?*





*This is believed to be the first Christmas card. It was designed in 1843 by J. C. Horsley.*

*All photos from Hallmark Cards*

It is—and your trouble and time spent will be appreciated by those who receive them.

*May colored ink be used on the envelopes?*

Green and red ink are nice and add a sparkle, especially if the color

matches your card. An added touch of stamps to harmonize is effective. If regular issues are not the right color, ask at the post office to see commemorative stamps in red or green.

*When should the cards be mailed?*

In time to arrive before Christmas. But it isn't necessary to mail them the day after Thanksgiving. And I like to seal my cards and send them first class. It is an added dignity which your cards deserve. Be sure to put your return address on the envelope.

*If a person has had a recent death in the family, do you send a Christmas card?*

Make it a thoughtful, loving one ►►►



*"The Jolly Postman" by Norman Rockwell reminds us that we ought to mail our cards and packages early or he might not be so jolly.*



*To fill a new demand, artists who design Christmas greetings are using the religious theme more often than before.*

if you do. After a lapse of three or four months, people usually resume a normal pattern of living.

*Is it all right to send original verse on a Christmas card?*

If it's really good or amusing. I've seen some awfully silly and trite rhyming put on cards.

*What about the mimeographed "newsletter" type of cards?*

If you send them only to close friends, if they are brief, and in good taste, perhaps. But it is hard to compose a letter solely about your family and yourself and avoid egomania!

*How do you address a card to your minister?*

If he has a degree, "The Reverend Dr. (and Mrs., if he is married) James Jones."

*Is it correct to address a card "Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Head and Family?"*

No. It would be better "Mr. and

Mrs. Lewis Head," and on the inside include something like, "best wishes to all of you." Or you could address it "The Lewis Heads."

*Should Christmas cards be displayed in your living room?*

With the many colors found among Christmas cards you receive, you can often do much to make a colorful display. Don't display them

**our cover story . .**







*Again, Norman Rockwell catches the homey spirit of Christmas with this shy shepherd and angel.*

as if these were trophies you've won, but keep your display within good decorative taste and the Christmas spirit.

*What can be done with Christmas cards after the holidays?*

Many are too beautiful to throw away, aren't they? We make name tags for gifts from some of ours (and they can be most attractive)

to be used on presents the next year. You can make cutouts, trim into interesting shapes with pinking shears, folding them to make "double" tags. A paper punch can be used to make a neat hole through which to run a bit of tinsel or ribbon with which to attach them to a package.



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"If my mother would let me I'd spend lots of money on records," one 14-year-old miss said when YOUTH magazine queried her about the amount of money she spends monthly on records. "But my mother says all that horrible shouting and thumping (rock 'n' roll) on the radio Saturday is about all she can stand. Weekday nights we turn on TV." How about it? Is yours a house divided? Or are you like many of the 16- to 18-year-olds responding to our survey? Their preference: music with a melody— as well as a beat, a song with understandable, meaningful lyrics sung by a singer with a mellow, pleasant-sounding voice. Just remember that teen dollars for discs can submerge or spiral singers, ban or boost combos, pulverize or promote the Big R. A number of you tell us that there's still quite a bit of genuinely good music around today. If that's what you want, make it clear. And that's that you'll be getting!



## No. 1 — Pat Boone

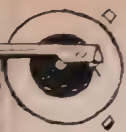
PAT BOONE's legion of fans and admirers left no doubt about his No. 1 spot as a recording star favorite, according to YOUTH's record survey. Polling nearly three times the votes of his nearest contender, Pat seems to have established a permanent beachhead in your affections. The winner of two previous YOUTH surveys (on movies and television) Pat Boone was wholeheartedly endorsed because he is "honest, kind, a mature man and a good Christian" (*Christine Hays, St. Paul, Minn.*); because "he isn't afraid to reveal his mistakes in order to help the modern teenager" (*Kathy Mueller, Milwaukee, Wis.*); and because he "represents such a wonderful example for today's teenagers to follow" (*Nancy Lee Edmiston, Phoenix, Ariz.*). *Lynda Jarvis, Fargo, N. D.*, says: "He has a nice, smooth, sweet voice—and you can understand what he is saying." Furthermore, his "personality matches his voice" (*Steve Tani, Ridley Park, Pa.*)

## the ballots are in . . .

THE RECORD industry is booming! And small wonder. During the preceding year you and your fellow teenagers spent more than \$100 million on recordings. Plus myriads of dimes fed thousands of juke boxes. Recording company executives are well aware that you are their best customer. If you like what they have to sell, they'll stay in business. If not, they're on shaky ground. One "hit record" can "make" a star—and a company. Here's where deejays enter the picture. They wield a big influence. *Janice Hanson, Fargo, N. D.*, believes that today's teenagers are "being brainwashed—we receive so little true quality in music. It's all beat—no beautiful melodies or artistic counterpoint." Do you agree?

In a nation-wide survey conducted among you, both individually and in local church groups, YOUTH magazine has received from the 450 readers who responded a variety of responses to our question: "What do you like and dislike about today's music?" And we've charted your musical preferences, your favorite stars (see above) and recordings, and the average amount of money you spend monthly. Here's what you think makes today's music click—or stick.





## your favorite stars

### No. 2 — Johnny Mathis



"Smooth" is the word our teen readers used most in describing balladeer Johnny Mathis' warm, pleasing tones. Perched comfortably on Rung No. 2, Johnny "has a voice you could listen to all day" (*Brad Covell, Pinehurst, Mass.*). *Carrie Matters, East Lansing, Mich.*, agrees: "He has a soft, soothing voice and sings soft, soothing music." This distinctive song stylist chooses his material carefully and his fast-selling albums (two of his albums are currently among the best sellers across the country) reflect his unerring good taste.

### No. 3 — Ricky Nelson



Ricky Nelson, a top TV favorite, is one male star who owes his high popularity rating as much to members of his own sex as to the female contingent. *Ronnie Oelsigh, Tilden, Neb.*, for example, likes his "fast, smooth, and rhythmic" way of singing. What's more, commends *Janet Bauer, Philadelphia, Pa.*, Ricky's not a "show-off, but a good honest kid." Ricky's popularity is due as much to his air of candid naturalness as to his way with a song.

### No. 4 — Perry Como



In the eyes of our teenagers, Perry Como is one ageless show business veteran who can afford to relax. His consistently fine recordings rate your approval; his personality and voice are "appealing to both adults and teenagers" (*Mel Tabbert, Dearborn, Mich.*). "Too much exposure" doesn't seem to worry Como—or his listeners—one bit. His easy-going, affable personality does not mask the evident sincerity in his singing.





## other stars in the running



FOLLOWING Perry Como on your list of "top ten" favorite recording stars are: Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, T. Ernie Ford, Fabian, Frankie Avalon, Paul Anka. Although more girls than fellows responded to our survey, this still can be only a partial explanation for the way the male singing star completely dominates the scene—to the almost complete exclusion of his female counterpart and instrumental artists. A much more likely explanation is the trend, taking place over a number of years, to feature and "promote" the male recording star, especially in the field of rock 'n' roll music. Bucking the trend with considerably more success than most is attractive Connie Francis. The only feminine star to receive more than a handful of votes, Connie combines individuality and beauty and she "shows feeling when she sings" (*Sandra Sledge, Elmira, N. Y.*). The pace-setting Kingston Trio was your favorite vocal group. "It has an authentic, informal folk song sound" (*Anne Sapp, Penfield, Missoula, Mont.*).

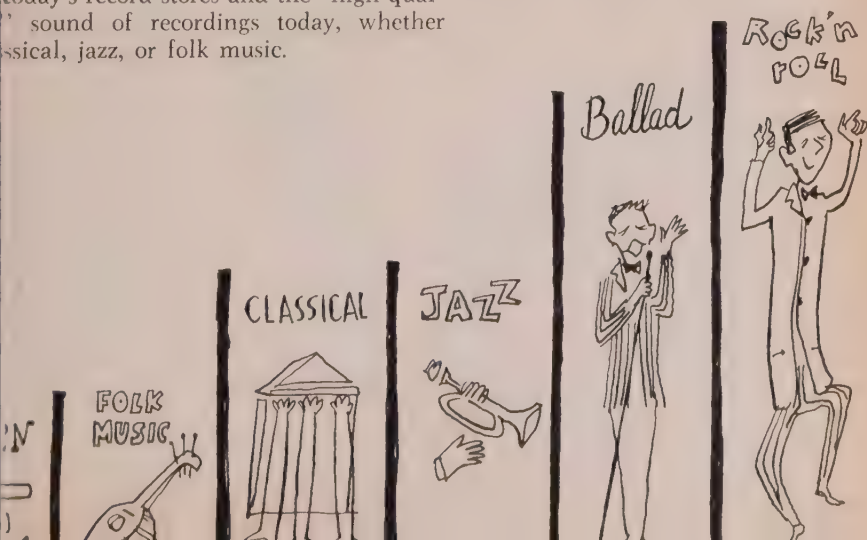
Some quotable quotes on your other favorites: Tennessee Ernie Ford—"Conscientious about the music he sings and its qualities" (*Ann Meredith, Grace, Kittery Point, Me.*); Harry Belafonte—"tremendous folk singer and balladeer" (*Dave Koon, camp, Portland, Ore.*); Roger Williams—"As a musician myself I can really appreciate Roger Williams' skill and talent" (*Robert G. Wilhelm, Jr., Baltimore, Md.*); Frankie Avalon—"shows respect for his parents . . . and loyalty to his fans" (*Karen Kisling, Plymouth, Neb.*); Frank Sinatra—"Can do more than sing—great entertainer" (*Malcolm Irvin, New Castle, Ind.*); Everly Brothers—"can sing almost anything and make it sound good" (*Carolyn Summers, Kirklin, Ind.*); Jonna Jones—"great artist, wonderful rhythm . . ." (*Dan MacNeil, Brookside, N. J.*); Elvis Presley—"doll . . ." (*Linda Estey, Hagerstown, Ind.*).



## what type of tune is tops?

MORE than half of you claimed rock 'n' roll as your favorite kind of music, followed by ballad, jazz, classical, folk music, and western. Among rock roll fans there were more fellows than girls and more 13- to 15-year-olds than older teens. "Rock 'n' roll is the greatest and no other kind of music will beat it" (*Sharon Kocsi, Phoenixville, Pa.*). However, among the top five stars only one (Ricky Nelson) could be termed even a "mild" rock 'n' roller. Your all-time favorite recording, which received more votes than all the others on the "top ten" list put together, is Rodgers and Hammerstein's familiar score of *South Pacific*. (Both the movie soundtrack and the original Broadway cast versions rated high.) *The Three Bells* by The Browns, your favorite currently, is a revival of a familiar ballad (former title—*Jimmy Brown*). No current rock 'n' roll hits made the "all-time" list and very few bona fide rock 'n' roll made the current favorites list in YOUTH's survey. You enjoy other types of music just as much as rock 'n' roll and selected several "categories" in addition to rock 'n' roll. You often "split your vote" between rock 'n' roll and a recording in the classical, semi-classical, or ballad fields. *Annette Hoyle, Cleveland, O.*, seems to express a common feeling among you. "There seems to be a renaissance of the ballad in today's music. I feel this is a definite step forward."

"Modern jazz is today's music and it's the greatest" (*Beverly Rattin, Monroeville, Wis.*). Several of you commented on the wide variety of music available today's record stores and the "high quality" sound of recordings today, whether classical, jazz, or folk music.





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discs that spin the most

WHAT'S tops in the record shop? What's your current favorite among recordings? What's your all-time favorite record? According to YOUTH's survey, your top six favorites in each category are listed on these two pages.

RUNNERS - UP!

current  
favorites

all time  
favorites

② PUT YOUR  
HEAD ON MY  
SHOULDER  
PAUL ANKA

③ SLEEPWALK  
SANTO  
&  
JOHNNY

④ SEA  
OF  
LOVE  
PHIL PHILLIPS

⑤ MR  
BLUE  
FLEETWOODS

⑥ KINGSTON  
TRIO  
AT  
LARGE

② STARDUST  
ALBUM  
PAT  
BOONE

③ OKLAHOMA

④ APRIL  
LOVE

⑤ LOVE  
LETTERS  
IN THE  
SAND

⑥ SPIRITUALS  
BY  
ERNIE  
FORD







THE cash register in the record shop has chalked up \$1.20. This is the average amount which those of you surveyed spend each month on records. Of course, one of you said you spend as much as \$20 per month on records, several over \$10, while many spend nothing at all—the latter listen to their recorded music on their radios or just don't have a record player. ►►►



YOUTH's

record  
survey

## today's music: pros and cons

WHENEVER people talk about today's music, rock 'n' roll soon becomes the topic of conversation and controversy. In your replies to YOUTH's question on your likes and dislikes in today's music, you reflected the teen-adult feud on the Big Rock. Says Susan McKinnon, *Hagerstown, Ind.*, "Teenagers want to be distinguished from adults and rock 'n' roll is something of our own." Larue Knorr, *Berwick, Pa.*, likes the words of the songs because they "bring out the problems of teenagers." And Jim Delong, *Ridgway, Pa.*, voices a general sentiment: "The song often expresses my own feelings." Mainly, it's "the beat" in rock 'n' roll that "sends" you and provides an "emotional release." "It really makes me feel good inside. I can forget most of my troubles and start rocking." (Vance Schwab, *Oklahoma City, Okla.*) "It's got a beat that thrills you," exclaims Lucy Diehl, *Bedford, Pa.* And Carolyn Wall, *Hagerstown, Ind.*, likes it too, and feels that it "expresses the hurried way of life as we live it today." Also, it's "different" sounding, "lively and gay" (Janice Green, *Cleveland, O.*) and all rock 'n' roll fans agree that it's "perfect to dance to."

But a lot of you took a dimmer view of rock 'n' roll music. Barbara Wetzel, *Dayton, O.*, calls "most" of today's rock 'n' roll "pure nonsense and a waste of time and money on everybody's part." "Sometimes it gives you a headache," complained Thomas Tibhot, *Ebensburg, Pa.* According to Kathryn Praehl, *Manito, Ill.*, "It has no depth, takes no talent, and does not encourage better ideals and goals." "Same rhythm, same notes, same harmony—monotonous" ho-hums Roslind Cochrane, *Billings, Mont.* "Many songs," deplores Wayne Walther, *Rowena Tex.*, "have no melody, no theme; hardly any give a fellow inspiration."

Even the more enthusiastic rock 'n' roll fans are quick to admit that there is room for improvement. Rebecca Brooks, *Haworth, N. J.*, claims that "Too many old songs are being ruined by changing the tempo and the lyrics" and Anne Chidester, *Cincinnati, O.*, bemoans "the increasing tendency towards combining hillbilly music with rock 'n' roll, thus producing 'rock-a-billy.'" Francis Lidelinger, *Ridgway, Pa.*, registers a novel complaint: "It's too fast to work any homework with."

A sweeping majority of you turn thumbs down on records that are too fast, wild, and rowdy. And you minced no words when it came to "glamour boys" whose popularity is dependent upon other attributes than vocal talents. "None of these rock 'n' rollers can sing! Anyone could scream like them and make money." (Laura Jane McDonald, *Kent, O.*) Jo Ann Brombaugh, *Germanatown, O.*, says she doesn't object to the music but rather to "the interpretations and abilities of some of the singers." Raucous shouting and yelling,

poor enunciation, and/or wild "gyrations" and suggestive movements on the part of some of today's top singers were frowned upon.

Although Sally Alexander, *Eaton, Ind.*, thinks the beat "keen," she feels that the lyrics are "kind of corny" and "give kids too many ideas." And Sandra Hayward, *Worcester, Mass.*, describes "too many" of the lyrics in popular songs today as "cheap, over-sentimental, and repetitious." Elaine Mastka, *Ferndale, Calif.*, echoes a common complaint—"you can't understand the words . . ." but then she adds, "Who listens to the words?" At least one of our readers (*Charlotte Ann Heide, Wichita, Kans.*) feels it's just as well not to be able to understand the words. "The thoughts that are portrayed in the words of the song I think are wrong and lead to some teenage problems." And Ethalene Galler, *Houston, Tex.*, adds: "The words . . . give a wrong impression of true love."

Is rock 'n' roll here to stay? "I think," says Karen Haepker, *Addieville, Ill.*, "that I'm with a lot of others when I say I'm getting tired of all this rock 'n' roll. The lyrics in a lot of the songs are senseless and somewhat vulgar. What ever happened to Dorsey, Miller, etc.? Wish there were band leaders like that today." Janet Crane, *Ferndale, Calif.*, wonders, "I don't think it can be lasting. Songs that were popular six months ago we don't even know." But Barbara Meyer, *Germantown, O.*, believes that "the music of today will be standards in a few years because of the style in the better music." Only time will tell. It could very well be that, as Glenda Hawley, *Chicago, Ill.*, says, "today's musicians are searching for a kind of music that will express the age we live in—and they haven't quite found it."





# winners in biblical stamp contest

**T**O you, the Bible represents the word of God; for the Israeli teenager, it is also an almanac and an atlas. Historic events described in the scriptures might have taken place, literally, in his own back yard. Teenagers in Israel can quote chapter and verse of the scriptures as easily as you reel off the batting averages of your favorite players. And the International Bible Contest held in Jerusalem last year aroused as much nationwide enthusiasm as the World Series did here.

Recently the Israel Ministry of Posts sponsored an international contest for postage stamp designs. The only requirement was that each design had to deal with a Bible subject. Artists representing 24 countries participated in the contest. First prize was awarded to Roberto Raul Seijo, of Argentina; second prize went to Poland's Seweryn Jasiński; and third prize was divided between Leonard Mitchell of New Zealand and Wolf Zimmerman of Germany.

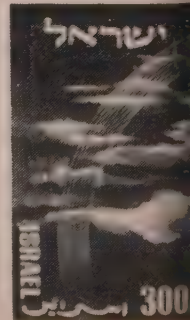


"And the flood was forty days upon the earth . . . and the waters bore up the ark."—Genesis 7: 17



"The dove came back . . . in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf." — Genesis 8: 11

"I set my bow in the cloud . . . a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." —Genesis 9: 13



## Second Prize . . .



and Moses went  
down from the  
mountain with the  
two tables of testi-  
mony in his hands."  
—Exodus 32: 15

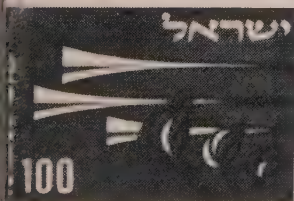


Saul was made first  
king of Israel "be-  
fore the Lord."  
—1 Samuel 11: 15

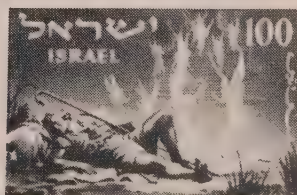


Solomon — poet,  
sage, and statesman  
—was the third king  
of Israel.

## Third Prize . . .



Gideon gave his 300 soldiers  
trumpets, pitchers, and torches.  
When he gave the signal, his men  
blew the trumpets, shattered the  
pitchers, and waved the torches.  
Thus was the mighty Midianite  
army frightened by Gideon and  
his small forces.—Judges 7



Jacob dreamed that he saw a  
ladder reaching to heaven. Angels  
of God went up and down the  
ladder.—Genesis 28: 12



Samson saw a lion roar against  
him, and Samson tore the lion as  
he would have torn a young goat.  
—Judges 14: 5, 6





# we need the power of prayer

**Wernher Von Braun**

**U. S. missile expert**

BELONGING to the group of scientists and engineers who need sober facts for their studies and hardware for their work, I find it difficult to express feelings and irrational incidents. I am more at ease when reporting about the thrust of missiles or possibility of space travel than in revealing inner feelings. To me, prayers are sublime and I would rather leave it to a minister or a great philosopher to lecture on the power of praying. However, let me try.

I do not think I have experienced one of the striking cases where your prayers come true the moment you say them. And a number of less significant events in my life, when prayers help me, might be too great and their results not striking and convincing enough to be mentioned here. But I do know from experience that prayers bring actual and immediate relief from worries and I personally believe that today's mankind needs the power of prayer more than ever before. Let me give you two reasons to prove my ideas.

*Praying is concentrating.* Do we really have to consult a psychologist to tell us how important it is to forget our past and present worries and to focus our ideas on something else? The expanding workload and responsibilities of our professional activities, the necessity to keep or improve the standards of living for families, the compelling need for fulfilling civic duties, and, but not least, our easy overindulgence in the diversified field of present entertainment, leave us less and less time for self-

# **we need the power of prayer**

evaluation and self-reflection; in short, for concentrating on our ego, our shortcomings, and our failures. I sincerely believe we should devote more time to self-analysis, thus taking a first step in the direction toward improved morale and greater ethics in this world.

*Praying is hoping.* Who would raise the slightest doubt that hope is one of the greatest factors of success which gives us courage, strength, and energy to accomplish the most difficult tasks. Whenever we are discouraged and ready to give up, hope will mobilize new energies, help us cross the barrier of our own inadequacy, and finally contribute to success.

A great number of other reasons should be added to this list to give a complete picture of the beneficial effects and results of praying, the need for which is as old as mankind itself.

More important, though, than all personal benefits which we receive from praying, let us not forget to pray for our friends, neighbors, and even enemies, and above all for the honor of God who created the great universe in which we are about to explore more and more scientific facts in deepest reverential awe. ▼▼

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# Mountain climbing puzzle

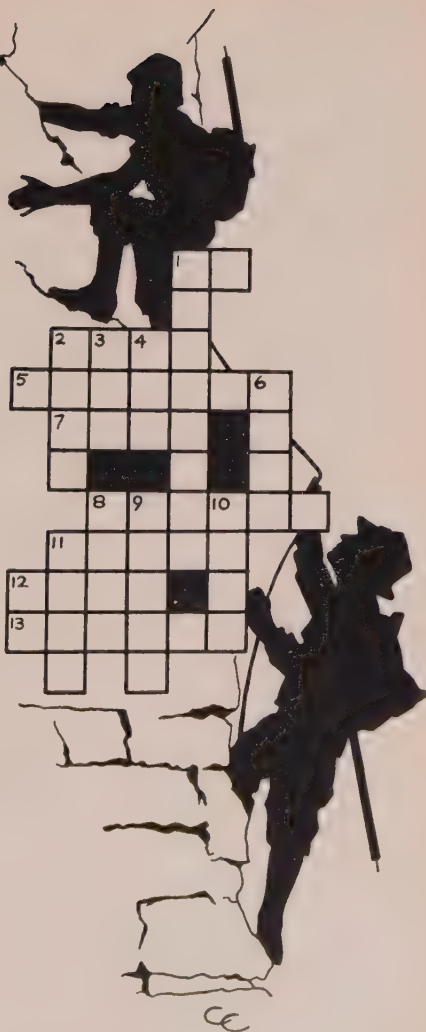
Carol Conner

## ACROSS

One of the tools of climbing  
Dangerous error  
Field of ice  
Exposed  
Make fast  
Pronged crampons fit  
onto —  
Not satisfactory  
Strap for leading horse

## DOWN

Mountain climber  
Not prompt in moving  
Part that overlaps  
Crampons bite into slippery —  
Equipment essential in  
mountain climbing  
Jester  
Great trunk artery  
Emperor  
Wild hog  
Purple Heart (abbr.)



## ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1. Axe 2. Slip 3. Glacier 7. Open 8. Loose 9. Fool 10. Aorta 11. Tsar 12. Boar 13. Hog  
DOWN: 1. Alpinist 2. Slow 3. Lapse 4. Ice 5. Error 6. Field 7. Emperor 8. Jester 9. Crampon 10. Strap 11. Boar 12. Boar 13. Hog





*on this business of living*

## Must you always go along with the crowd?

**Q**UESTION: "Why can't parents understand that young people have to go along with the crowd? My father and mother are not bad parents, but they keep telling me I'd still have friends even if I dared to be different. I don't believe it. Last week was an example. I wasn't invited to a special party because I always have to be home by 12:00. The crowd must think I am an awful sissy. Nothing I can say seems to convince my parents, they just have the curfew clamped down tight at 12. . . ."

**A**NSWER: Apparently you have a high drive to be accepted by your crowd. Most of you midteens are willing to be the wooziest copycats in town just to feel accepted by the local crowd. Some of you are willing to wear the sloppiest clothes and cut your hair in styles that look as though a five-year-old did it with a bread knife. Some of you keep on smoking, no matter what the medical experts caution about the dan-

gers, just so you won't seem to be sissies to your crowd. And you like to brag how late you can come home. To prove what?

Many of your parents may have a good point or two about such matters that you have been overlooking. Wise mothers and fathers know that young people really want to be controlled and helped to avoid trouble. A few teens may not like to admit this openly, but it is still true.

Of course mothers and fathers can be wrong and too stubborn to admit it. But so can teenagers. You are far off the main beam at times. And they can be just as mule-headed about this matter. With very rare exceptions, 12 is later than it should be out.

You have been thinking that you are the only one in your crowd who is "not allowed" to do whatever the crowd does. Many parents besides your own have sensible ideas and put down a few rules that must be obeyed. Check with your friends

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ents. It's quite likely that, even though they are more lenient in some of their rulings than your own, they may have other "rulings" that yours don't have. If you'll keep an open mind, you'll soon begin to see that the parents try to safeguard their children from foolish mistakes.

Of course you want to feel that the crowd likes you and accepts you. This is quite natural, particularly with teenagers who feel insecure about themselves. Yet you need to be an individual in your own right. Be your real self in good clothes and you will discover that your friends will respect and value you more than when you simply follow the fads of the moment. Stand up for what's right.

The armed forces have never felt that the young men and women who follow them can go along completely without regulations. You're probably better off for having a few rules to follow, too.



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"Someday when I get to be rich and famous, I wonder if I'll still be the same, sweet, lovable, humble person I am now."

## youth in the news . . .

### Needed: More Writing for U. S. Teen Students

The average college freshman, Tufts University vice president Frank A. Tredinnick, Jr., complained recently, "has not written enough . . . has not read enough . . . he has not thought enough, if at all.

The Tufts official, addressing the New England Council of Teachers of English, listed four specific deficiencies: "the absence of any conception of the paragraph as a unit of thought; the lack of any idea of transitions or the need for them; the

uneconomical use of language; the absence of any real precision in the choice of words." The nation's high schools, he said, are failing to give students "continuing writing assignments."

Meanwhile, Fairleigh Dickinson College in New Jersey has disclosed that students whose writing falls below college-level standards will be required to repeat the first semester of Freshman English.

### Top GI Chaplain Covered 51,000 Miles Last Year

In the opinion of Chaplain (Major Gen.) Frank A. Tobey, Chief of Army Chaplains, military life has "maturing, moral and self-disciplining effect" on servicemen. "Churches testify to the dedication of young men returning from military life. Many of them into seminaries to prepare for the ministry." The traveling chaplain (in one year he has covered about 51,000 miles) reported that the Army's Character Guidance Program has achieved "drastic reduction in courts-martial."

*Francoise Groulx, 14, was the youngest contestant at the International Plowing Match in Dundas, Ont.*

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## Pakistani Ponytails Replace Veils; Distract Males

The primrose path to romance in Pakistan is proving to be a rocky road to learning, according to a report in *Scholastic Teacher*. The introduction of coeducation in Karachi colleges (40 per cent of the city's 20,000 college students are girls) is reported to be responsible for sharply declining scholarship.

Discarding traditional veils for lipstick and ponytails, the Karachi students are credited with driving male students to distraction. One reason for the impact of coeducation is that specialization is still largely forbidden in the country. Until they get to college, most boys have had no contact with women outside their immediate households. In an effort to get youthful minds back on the academic track, one college is imposing \$1 fines on students seen talking to members of the opposite sex.

## Japan Climaxes Celebration of Protestant Centenary

Nearly 15,000 people packed Tokyo's Metropolitan Arena for a united worship service climaxing week-long celebrations of the 100th anniversary of Protestant missions in Japan. The many other special commemorative services held throughout the capital area included rallies for youth, special lectures, and a sacred music festival. And there were special exhibits, tours of



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***Wearing a full sash of merit badges, Francis Barnes, 13, Montoursville, Pa., is believed to be the youngest Eagle Scout in the country.***

Tokyo's points of interest, special radio and TV programs. A series of evangelistic services was held in Yokohama and other cities as well as Tokyo. Among those taking part in the ceremonies were several government officials. The National Christian Council of Japan was sponsor and co-ordinator of the observance.

First Protestant missionary to arrive in Japan was the Rev. John Liggins, an Episcopal priest in 1859. Dutch Reformed and Presbyterian missionaries also began work in Japan in 1859. The National Christian Council of Japan includes most of the country's Protestant bodies. The largest denomination in the Council is the United Church of Christ (Kyoda), with more than 250,000 members.

# may we quote you?

- ▶ The trouble with many movie stars is that they come to regard everything as a movie. The other afternoon a teacher asked Tuesday Weld how she was getting along with her geometry. "It's just like in the movies," Tuesday replied, "one triangle after another."

—*Sidney Skolsky*

- ▶ I have been a sensation; now I want to be a success.

—*Van Cliburn*

- ▶ Christmas is love in action. . . . When you love someone, you give to them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift He ever gave was the Person of His Son, sent to us in human form so that we might know what God the Father is really like! Every time we love, everytime we give, it's Christmas!

—*Dale Evans Rogers*

- ▶ How you spend Christmas is more important than how much.

—*Phoenix Flame*

- ▶ Nowadays people live routine lives, do routine jobs . . . I think wars are declared out of boredom.

—*Aldous Huxley*

- ▶ An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere. The pessimist sees only the red stop light. But the truly wise person is color-blind.

—*Albert Schweitzer*

- ▶ The reason the human mind is so inefficient is that so often a train of thought is wrecked by a flood of emotion.

—*Olin Miller*

- ▶ Pssst! Dr. Stanton of CBS: The whipped cream on pies (in TV commercials) is plain shaving cream.

—*Walter Winchell*

- ▶ Man today is like an adolescent armed with an adult's weapons—without having attained to an adult's state of mind. He will be a danger to his fellows, and still more to himself, till he grows up spiritually to match his gigantic technological stature. But the way toward spiritual maturity runs not through science, but through religion. I therefore expect to see 20th century man set out on a quest for the recovery of religion.

—*Arnold Toynbee*

- ▶ We are just in the kindergarten of uncovering things and there is no down curve in science.

—*Charles F. Kettering*

- ▶ When man has conquered all the depths of space, and all the mysteries of time, then will he be but still beginning.

—*H. G. Wells*

- ▶ Science is not a substitute for religion.

—*Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize-winning chemist*

- ▶ You're the only girl in the world for me.

—*Adam*





*At its recent meeting, the Planning Council of the Florida Pilgrim Fellowship hears about a successful goal achieved.*

## Florida PF Council writes letter to Governor

This fall, the Planning Council of the Florida Pilgrim Fellowship met, as is their annual custom, to review their work in the state and to formulate future plans. One important—if unplanned—outgrowth of the meeting was the Council's unanimous decision to send a letter to the Hon. S. Leroy Collins, Governor of the State of Florida, commending him for his Christian stand in the matter of race relations. Said the Council: "Your confidence in the ability of races to work together and understand each other has done much to alleviate racial tensions in . . . Florida. We pray for God's continued guidance on this important question. . . ." The Council, consisting of elected officers and advisors from each of Florida's four districts, emphasized that their action was based on their own personal judgment and that they were not speaking on behalf of all PFers in the state because "many . . . still have not made their decision, or come to a conviction in regard to race relations." Governor Collins, one Council officer said, is forever reminding us that understanding through education will eventually bring about better relationships." In November the Church of the Open Door, a member church of the South Association, became the first officially inclusive church to become part of the Fellowship of the Florida Conference.





## a prayer about money



O Father, grant us a proper attitude toward money. Thou hast taught us that life does not consist of the abundance of things that a person possesses. Save us from thinking that money is ever an adequate measure of success. Forgive us for the moments when we have coveted more of this world's goods than we really need. Help us to look upon the money that we earn or that has been given to us, not as an end in itself, but as a means of doing good. May we learn, as the Apostle Paul did, how to be abased and how to abound. Reveal to us as Thou didst to him, the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. Keep in our remembrance at all times that it is by Thy grace that we live and prosper. Amen

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